

Photo at left shows part of sanctuary of First Church, Vicksburg, host to the Evangelism Conference, which was well-filled for every session. Second picture is that of several present admiring the attractive high pulpit of the host church which goes all the way to the sanctuary floor. From left: Dr.



John Traylor, pastor First Church, Gulfport; Dr. John Havlik, Atlanta, speaker; Dr. John G. McCall, host pastor; Rev. Roy Collum, evangelism secretary; and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer. Third picture is that of Dr. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, principal speaker. Fourth picture shows



Dan Hall, Jackson, conference song leader, directing a hymn. Picture at right is that of Mississippi Singing Churchmen, directed by Mr. Hall, rendering special music.



Mississippi Singing Churchmen Will Make "Singing-Witnessing" Tour Of South America

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen will leave May 6 for a 10-day "singing-witnessing" mission tour of South America, with concentration in Brazil.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, tour sponsor, is also director of the Singing Churchmen.

Mr. Hall said that the invitation for the project had come from both the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Missions Committee of the Brazil Baptist Convention.

Mr. Hall said the group would sing in churches, concert halls and on radio and television.

He added that Baptist missionaries in South America have indicated that the people there would be responsive to the singing of the group and that many opportunities to witness through music would be available.

The group will prepare a variety of songs, with about one-third of the texts to be in Spanish and

Portuguese. Plans call also for soloists and several instruments.

The Singing Churchmen is a group of singers composed mostly of ministers of music of Mississippi Baptist churches.

James Hayes, minister of music of First Church, Hattiesburg, is assistant director, with Graham Smith, minister of music, First Church, Pascagoula, president.

Mr. Hall said that other singers would be welcome to make the tour and added that those interested are asked to contact him at the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The cost of air travel, food, lodging, and other routine expenses while on tour is estimated at \$1150. This amount does not include cost of dress ensembles and rehearsal travel expense. These items are (Continued on page 2)

Evangelism Meeting Reaches New Levels Of Inspiration

"Our Mississippi pastors and church leaders have done it again!" exclaimed Rev. Roy Collum, when queried by a Baptist Record reporter.

He was, of course referring to the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference held last week at the First Baptist Church in Vicksburg.

Mr. Collum, secretary of the Evangelism Department of the State Convention Board, who directs the annual meeting, continuing, declared:

"This conference reached new high levels of inspiration and blessing because of the prayerful and dedicated spirit of those who came from all sections of our beloved state.

"The speakers did their part in a great and mighty way.

"The musicians, under the splendid leadership of Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department, thrilled our hearts and were used of the Lord to lift us up in heart and soul and voice.

"Baptists in Mississippi are on the move for the Lord in reaching out into the lost in His Name all over the state."

The annual conference got underway Monday evening at 6:45 and was brought to a climactic close just before noon Wednesday following a strong message by Dr. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, the principal speaker for the meeting.

Everyone of the five sessions proved to be a highlight, with attendance remaining good throughout. The spacious sanctuary of the host church was well-filled for each session.

Dr. Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, is in constant demand for evangelism conferences, held throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, and is well and favorably known in Mississippi where he has appeared several times before.

He spoke five times during the Vicksburg conference.

Dr. John Havlik, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, represented that Board at the meeting and brought three inspirational messages.

Evangelistic Bible study was led at every service by Dr. Jesse Northcutt, of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Special music and other features were presented at every service and proved also to be highlights of the conference.

The conference theme was "Witness Now." This emphasis was a part of the Southern Baptist Convention "Share the Word Now" thrust for 1974.

Music accompanists were Mrs. Ernest Seago, organist of the host church; Edwin Sudduth, of Indianola, instrumentalist for the Watson Evangelistic Association, pianist, and Miss Kathy Richey, of the Church Music Department, Jackson, pianist.

Mr. Collum paid tribute to Dr. John G. McCall, host pastor, his fine staff, and the membership of the First Baptist Church which provided beautiful and comfortable facilities, and, in so (Continued On Page 2)

January Cooperative Receipts Show Gain Of 27.6% Over '73

Cooperative Program receipts from the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention totaled \$710,889 for the month of January. Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that this is an increase of \$153,799, or 27.6% over the \$557,090 given in January of 1973.

The total Cooperative Program budget goal for 1974 is \$5,500,000. The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Conversion Of Children Topic Of Conferences

A series of three regional Baptist Conferences focusing on the conversion of children will be held in north Mississippi March 11-14.

These conferences are primarily for laymen and laywomen and will be sponsored by three departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board — Brotherhood, Rev. E. L. Howell, director; Evangelism, Rev. Roy Collum, secretary, and WMU, Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary.

Three simultaneous group conferences are scheduled for each meeting, as follows:

For workers with children in grades 4-6 in Girls' Auxiliary, Crusaders (R.A.), Sunday School and Church Training to be led by Bill Hardy, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko.

For parents of children in this age group, led by Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor First Baptist Church, Carthage.

For pastors, deacons and other church leaders not involved in above groups, to be led by Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor First Baptist Church, Newton.

Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, will bring the closing inspirational address at each conference, to be held from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

The schedule of conferences follows: March 11, First Baptist Church, Batesville; March 12, Harrisburg (Continued On Page 2)

Agricultural Missions Group To Meet

The fourth Annual Meeting of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited will be held at First Baptist Church, Greenville, Feb. 15, beginning at 7 p.m., with Dr. Eugene Grubbs of the Foreign Mission Board as the principal speaker.

Agricultural Missions Foundation got its start at First Baptist Church, Greenville, four years ago when a group of laymen and pastors gathered for a conference on agricultural missions.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was the principal speaker at that time.

Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited, has expanded to the point that it includes laymen from five states with local chapters organized in a dozen different areas.

Since its organization laymen have involved themselves direct in agricultural mission projects by providing tractors, farm equipment, livestock, seed and money for spiritual missionaries to use in teaching people in underdeveloped countries how to farm.

There is no better way for direct involvement than through a program such as the Agricultural Missions Foundation.

Dr. Grubbs serves as a Consultant on Laymen Overseas for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon - Washington and secretary of evangelism for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Dr. Grubbs and his wife were appointed Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines in 1958 and served until illness forced them to return in 1962. His Mississippi pastorate was in Charleston.

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95 Register For REA Meeting

Ninety-five persons, believed to be a record high, registered for the annual Religious Education Association meeting held at the Biloxi Sheraton Hotel last week. New officers elected were: President (seated), Dale Oden, minister of education, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Standing, from left: Marjorie Zewald, Jackson, vice-president; Miss Marilyn Hopkins, Jackson, secretary-treasurer; Miss Janet Abernathy, Biloxi, pianist and A. V. Windham, Hattiesburg, chorister. The 1975 meeting will be held Feb. 6-8, and the 1976 meeting Feb. 19-21, both at the Biloxi Sheraton. (For additional picture please turn the page.)

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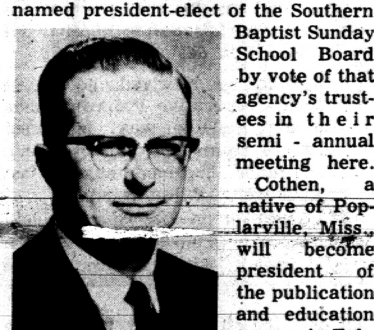
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Cothen Named President-Elect Of Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP) — Grady C. Cothen, 53, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was named president-elect of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board by vote of that agency's trustees in their semi-annual meeting here.



Cothen, a native of Poplarville, Miss., will become president of the publication and education agency in February, 1975, upon the retirement of James L. Sullivan, who became chief executive in 1953.

The seminary president is expected to begin his work in Nashville in May, providing about nine months of orientation to the organization and work of the Sunday School Board before he is inaugurated as president.

Cothen has headed the New Orleans Institution since September, 1970, coming to the seminary from the presidency of Oklahoma Baptist University, where he had served since 1966. Prior to that time he was executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for five years.

A graduate of Mississippi College with the bachelor of arts degree and New Orleans Seminary with the master of theology degree, Cothen holds honorary doctorates from California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., Mississippi College, and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

A nominating committee headed by Gene Wofford of Dallas, Tex., presented Cothen's name to the trustees. For the third time in succession, Southern Baptists have selected a native of southern Mississippi, from within the same 30-mile radius to head the Sunday School Board. The late T. L. Holcomb was a native of Purvis, while James L. Sullivan was born in Silver Creek.

The new executive's pastoral experience includes service at White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1946-48, Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, 1948-49, and First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., 1950-61. He was a Navy chaplain during World War II.

Active in denominational affairs, Cothen was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962. He preached the annual sermon at the SBC when it met in Denver in 1970.

He has been a trustee of New Orleans Seminary, Oklahoma Baptist (Continued on page 3)

Graham Scheduled On Dallas SBC Program

NASHVILLE (BP) — The proposed agenda of the 117th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13 in Dallas, will feature every living former SBC president and conclude with an address by Evangelist Billy Graham.

The agenda, released by committee on order of business chairman, W. O. Vaught Jr., Little Rock, begins Tuesday morning and concludes Thursday night at Dallas Convention Center.

Five former SBC presidents will interpret the convention theme, "Share His Love Now." They are Carl Bates of Charlotte, W. A. Criswell of Dallas, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, and K. Owen White of Phoenix.

Major addresses, besides that of Graham, include the presidential address by Owen Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss.; the convention sermon by R. J. Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., and a presentation on religious liberty by Glenn Archer, retiring director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Washington.

Cooper, a retired manufacturing executive, will step down after two years as SBC president. He will preside throughout the three-day convention. He is the first layman to serve as SBC president since 1959.

For the first time, color television projection equipment will be used to increase visibility of platform presentations. Proceedings will be magnified and projected live on large screens to allow every person in the 20,000-seat convention center to view proceedings clearly. On the last night, when Graham speaks, a third screen will also be used in a 10,000-seat oval auditorium, adjacent to the convention center, Vaught said.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively will focus on missions — home missions on Tuesday night and foreign missions on Wednesday (Continued on page 3)



Action Commission Elects Officers

Rev. Bill Duncan, First Baptist Church, Piquette, (center) newly elected chairman of the Christian Action Commission, is shown with Marvin Graham, layman, left, Mt. Olive, newly elected vice-chairman, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. Duncan succeeds Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson, and Graham follows Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg, each having served two years. Not shown is Rev. Bill Minnions, First, Tupelo, re-elected as secretary. The Commission met in Vicksburg, February 5, conducted routine business and projected specific emphasis plans for the next two years.

Blanshard's Theme: Neutrality Of Public Schools Toward Religion

ORLANDO, Fla. (PNS) — The National Conference on Church and State heard Paul Blanshard make an appeal for "the highest form of responsible patriotism" which, he said, would keep "our public" school neutrality against sectarian partisanship.

Mr. Blanshard, the first attorney for Americans United for Separation of Church and State which sponsored their conference, said both Catholics and Protestants seek "to use the public schools as an agency for imposing religious beliefs and practices upon (Continued on page 2)

Baptist 'School' Day Set Feb. 17

If all goes well, Skylab Astronaut William R. Pogue will be back on earth before Southern Baptists observe "Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day," February 17.

Pogue, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, probably will be too involved in debriefing by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to participate in the annual observance.

But Baptists throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will have the opportunity on that day to brief themselves on the accomplishments and needs of the 54 colleges, six seminaries, four Bible schools and seven academies operated by Southern Baptists in 16 states.

Pogue is only one of some 434,000 graduates of Southern Baptists institutions spotlights on the special day in 34,500 churches throughout the Convention.

To encourage thoughtful attention to the merits of Christian education through Baptist institutions, the SBC Education Commission has sent (Continued On Page 3)

"Singing Churchmen" To Tour S.A.

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estimated at \$225.

One of the purposes of the tour, according to Mr. Hall, is to utilize music in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to thousands of people in South America.

The group is currently having eight rehearsals in various parts of the state. Several of these are "rehearsal-concerts" in churches where an offering is received to help defray expenses of the tour.

Each singer, who will be responsible for his own expenses, will receive his pro rata share of the offerings.

Soon after returning the group will make a record album of much of the tour music.

The group will leave Jackson by plane May 6 with stops in Miami, Belem and Recife, Brazil, arriving in Rio de Janeiro May 11. They will depart Rio May 13 for Sao Paulo, Brazil, then to Colombia

and Venezuela, from which they will leave for home on May 17.

Those already scheduled to go are:

Dennis McIntire, Midway Church, Jackson; Dean Hunter, Pearl; Alan Celoria, Temple, Hattiesburg; Truitt Roberts, First, Starkville; Perry Robinson, First, Columbus; Bill Sellers, of Baptist Record staff; James Hayes, First, Hattiesburg; Vernon Polk, First, Grenada; Ralph Thomason, First, Holly Springs; Jim Young, Highland, Laurel; Billy Vaughn, First, Laurel; Ron Rainer, First, Waynesboro; J. T. Hannaford, First, Moss Point; Lloyd Mims, Collins; Danny White, First, Itta Bena; Jimmy Bilbo, Meadville; Earl Sylvest, layman, Columbia; Aubrey Gaskins, Harrisburg, Tupelo; David Larrimore, Calvary, Tupelo; Graham Smith, First, Pascagoula; John McNair, professor, University Medical Center, Jackson and Mr. Hall.



Dennis Kissinger, minister of music at First Church, Vicksburg, leads the host church choir in special music.



Aubrey Gaskins, minister of music at Harrisburg, Tupelo, leads the Mississippi Brass Ensemble in a special number.

Evangelism Conference At Vicksburg

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many gracious ways, demonstrated the very finest and best in Christian hospitality."

After the conference was over Mr. Colman issued the following statement:

"Brother pastor, the Evangelism Conference is for you. It is the sincere desire and intention of the Evangelism Department and the Staff at the Baptist Building, that the Conference programs be designed to meet your needs and provide the best possible help for you, as you lead your people in winning the lost. Please write to us, giving any constructive criticism or suggestions that you may have. We will be glad to hear from you. Your great spirit of prayer and concern and dedication have made these inspired and inspiring sessions possible. We thank the Lord for you!"



Mrs. Kathy McNair, music assistant, Church Music Department, MBCB, sings.



Dr. Jesse Northcutt, professor, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, speaks.

The conference is sponsored annually by the Evangelism Department of the Convention Board, of which Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, is executive secretary.

Spring Street, USA Completes Last Scheduled Taping

NASHVILLE (BP)—The last scheduled taping of the evangelistic television program, Spring Street, USA, was completed here in January.

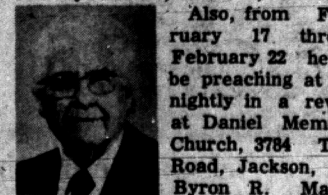
No new taping is scheduled unless new funds become available, a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board spokesman said.

The eight half-hour shows taped here bring the total in circulation to 34, televised on stations across the nation.

Guest stars for the final eight shows include: Jeannie C. Riley, country singer; Paul Anderson, weightlifter; Noel (Paul) Stookey (formerly of Peter, Paul and Mary) and Gene Cotton, folk singer; Mary Costa, opera singer; Ray Hilderbrand and Myrtle Hall, gospel singers; and William "Fishbait" Miller, doorkeeper of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Grey Of New Orleans To Be Speaker In Jackson

Dr. J. D. Grey, pictured, pastor emeritus, First Church, New Orleans, La., will be a guest in Jackson next week. On Tuesday, February 19, he will speak to the Pastors' Education Directors' associational meeting at Calvary Church, Jackson, at noon.



Also, from February 17 through February 22 he will be preaching at 7:30 nightly in a revival at Daniel Memorial Church, 3784 Terry Road, Jackson, Rev. Byron R. Malone, pastor. (See Reval Dates column.)

Dr. Grey, a Kentucky native, served in 1951 and 1952 as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. During those two years he visited

leaves. From 1950-1970 he was a member of the Executive Committee, Baptist World Alliance.

Graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary, he has been awarded three honorary Doctor's degrees. Twice he was elected president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. His book, Epitaphs for Eager Frenchmen, published in 1972, and a biography of him by Dr. James E. Cole and Dr. Robert L. Lee is titled, saint J. D.

Dr. and Mrs. Grey have twin daughters, and three grandsons.

The Convention President Speaks

Friday night, February 1, I experienced one of the most gracious, innovative, and helpful events of my life. Dr. John Lee Taylor and the great First Baptist Church of Grenada, did a thing that I think would be an excellent idea for other pastors and churches in other parts of the state to consider. They paid for, prepared, and served a delicious meal there at the church. Their guests were pastors and deacons from Grenada, Panama, Yalobusha, and Leflore Counties. All together there were approximately two hundred guests present.

The purpose of the occasion was to enable the people of that area to get acquainted with Dr. Kelly, our new executive secretary and treasurer. Dr. Kelly and his wife were present. They also invited my wife and me. You see, way back in my college days, I was pastor in that general area and I was privileged to renew fellowship with dear friends of yesteryears.

But the experiences went beyond that of fellowship and getting acquainted. It also gave Dr. Kelly the opportunity of sharing with us some of his concepts and dreams of Mississippi Baptists under his leadership. It is obvious we are under able leadership. We rejoice in the occasion.

I was also privileged to say a few words as your president. It was truly a great occasion. In my opinion, it would be good for others to consider the same thing. — David Grant.

Baptist 'School' Day

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cially - designed packets to all pastors in the SBC with information, and suggestions about how they can inform church members.

Besides providing information for use on the special day, the packet graphically highlights names of Baptist school graduates, built around the theme, "We Are Known by the People We Graduate."

The names, ranging from well-known figures to little-known members of society, "represent the dividend Baptists pay to society and the kingdom of God through an investment in Christian education," says Ben C. Fisher, Education Commission executive secretary.

"Perhaps no name on the list is well known throughout the world as is the name of Bill Pogue, who has already taken his stand for Christ," Fisher adds. "But fame is not what counts. It's the impact that Christians everywhere can exercise in their own spheres of influence, however large or small, that will permeate society with the qualities it needs to survive."

"That's what Christian-oriented education is all about."

Agricultural Missions

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Sharing the program with Dr. Grubbs will be Agriculture Missionary Harold Watson, who is stationed on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines and serves as a consultant to the farming program of Southern Baptist College in M-Lang.

Agricultural Missions Foundation has provided more than 50 head of livestock for Dr. Watson's farming program.

AMF President, Dick Stafford, of Pineville, Louisiana, will preside over the 4 p.m. business meeting of the Board of Directors.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and AMF director, will bring a brief report on new opportunities in missions at the afternoon session and will preside over the general night session.

The public, particularly mission organizations and laymen from throughout the Delta area, are invited to attend.

Blanshard's Theme

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the children." Speaking of Catholic criticism of the Supreme Court which has struck down some tax benefits to parochial schools, Mr. Blanshard said, the Catholic bishops "must not be allowed to take that line into the public schools."

"It is necessary to protect our taxpayers' treasures, both state and national, against all raids and out public school neutrality against sectarian partisanship," he continued. "This is not bigotry but the highest form of responsible patriotism."

Support for the Supreme Court decisions against government-sponsored religion in public schools was urged by Robert Spivey, chairman of Florida State University's Department of Religion.

"Public education cannot be concerned with the practice of religion



Dr. Harold Bryson



Bill Hardy



Rev. Hardy Denham

Conversion

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Baptist Church, Tupelo; March 14, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko.

Congregational singing and special music will also be featured at each conference.

LUANDA, Angola — A five-year plan of advance, adopted by the 82 messengers attending the recent Angolan Baptist Convention, outlined future goals. The Angolan Baptists will attempt to organize 27 new churches during the next five years, bringing the total to 45.

SBC January Cooperative Program Sets New Record

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist giving in January established a new one-month record in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget, totaling \$3,937,030.

That figure represents a \$742,091, or 23.23 per cent, increase over the same month in 1973, according to John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee.

Including \$5,230,801 in designated contributions in January, total receipts for the month were \$9,167,831, a 9.4 per cent increase over last January. Williams reported.

For the 1973-74 fiscal year to date, Cooperative Program receipts total \$12,811,335. That's a 14.38 per cent, or more than \$1.6 million, increase over receipts at the same point in the 1972-73 fiscal year.

Designated gifts thus far in the fiscal year total \$6,221,870, only 2.18 per cent above last year, but total gifts, including Cooperative Program contributions and designations, added up to \$19,033,205 — more than 10 per cent ahead of last year.

Texas Baptists, bolstered by some Cooperative Program receipts in excess of their previous year's budget, led the states in January with \$874,047 in contributions to the Cooperative Program, and Mississippi Baptists led with \$858,515 in designated giving.

"Although we received nearly \$4 million in Cooperative Program funds in January, the total was increased by \$596,400 from four states which shared funds received beyond last year's budget," Williams said.

Even without the overage, Williams said, January would still have been a record month, within excess of \$3.3

but only the study of it," he said. He urged that religion "can be studied objectively in a school system which, of its nature, must be religiously neutral."

Brooks Hays, former Congressman from Arkansas, onetime president of the Southern Baptist Convention and now a resident of Washington, said "a roof which covers the household of faith" should be established over a "wall which separates church and state."

Mr. Hays said there is "no resolution ahead in the political community" without "moral and spiritual" teachings from the religious sector.



John and Dolores Overturf

Concert Series Continues In Jackson

Gospel Concert Series will continue Sunday February 17 at the following Jackson churches: Van Winkle Church — 11 a.m.; Hillcrest — 6:15 p.m.; Forest Hill — 7 p.m.

The concert will be presented by John and Dolores Overturf. John Overturf is the president of the Southern Safety Engineers of Moss Point, and his daughter, Dolores, 18, is a graduate of Pascagoula High School.

Mr. Overturf chose a business career over a professional singing career and volunteers his musical talents through gospel concerts. He has sung to 120,000 in The Rose Bowl, many times at evangelistic services with the Moody Adams Evangelistic Team, and in churches across the country.

In the past two weeks John and Dolores have presented concerts at Clinton Blvd. Church, Oak Forest Church, Park Hill, Southern Hills, and Woodville Heights Church, all in the Jackson area. During the week of February 23 - March 3 they will be appearing in Gospel Concert in 16 churches in the Chesapeake, Virginia area.

Plan to hear this popular musical duo in concert this Sunday.



Sullivan Is REA Banquet Speaker

Dr. James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, was the speaker at the banquet held by the Religious Education Association last week in Biloxi. He and other leaders are greeted by Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor First Baptist Church, Biloxi. From left: Wayne Ward, Vicksburg, who presided over banquet; Dr. Sullivan; Bob McKee, Jackson, association president, and Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor First Church, Biloxi.

Nunnery Will Preside Over Meet Of Child Care Executives

Program plans for the 20th annual meeting of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists have been released by Paul N. Nunnery of Jackson, president of the organization.

Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists was organized and chartered and its first meeting was held on the campus of Mississippi's Baptist child care agency in Jackson.

The organization has met in Mississippi as guests of the Children's Village on two other occasions, the most recent being in February of 1971. There are 38 different institutions and agencies, representing 19 different states represented in the membership.

Mr. Nunnery, who is superintendent of The Baptist Children's Village, has announced that the child care executives will be meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as guests of Connie Maxwell's Children's Home of South Carolina on Feb. 19.

The meeting will be addressed on two occasions by Robert A. Mayer, II of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is director of Hospital and Child care Sections of Duke Endowment.

The meeting will also hear an address by Dr. R. C. Campbell of Dallas, Texas, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences regarding a recent visit made by Dr. Campbell for the United States Government, as a child care consultant to Israel and Liberia.

A major feature of the meeting will be a discussion by a 6-member panel of child care alumni — adults who lived at a Southern Baptist children's home during their minority years, and who will discuss the challenges and problems of child care in the 1970's from the point of view of "yesterday's children."

Serving with Nunnery as the current officers of the Executives' organization are: Roger Williams of North Carolina as first vice president; A. W. Coleman of Georgia as second vice president; Charles I. Wright of Texas as secretary-treasurer; M.

Correction
On page three of last week's issue of the Baptist Record there is a picture of Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, presenting a plaque to Fred L. Hays, of Forest. The caption under the picture erroneously reads that the plaque is being presented to Jack E. Hays of Jackson. The picture is used in connection with a story that appears on page one. The Baptist Record regrets the error and is glad to make correction.

Dorsey Pastor Dies In Crash

Rev. William Dolan Stovall, 53, pastor of the Dorsey Baptist Church, Dorsey, Miss., died in a two-car collision on Highway 78 near Moorsville, east of Tupelo, on Thursday, February 7. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the North Mississippi Medical Center, at 9:30 p.m.

He had been pastor of the Dorsey Baptist Church for 7 1/2 years. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and also of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rev. Stovall also operated a Tax and Bookkeeping Service in Fulton. Formerly, according to the Tupelo Journal, he had been employed in Tupelo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at the Dorsey Baptist Church.

Chancellor, Rev. Victor Moore, Rev. Neil Moore officiating. Burial was in Hawamba Memorial Gardens. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Davis Stovall, his step-mother, Mrs. Hattie Stovall of Fulton; one daughter, Mrs. Brenda Hare of Tupelo; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Ols Tate and Mrs. Mary Lou Crommons, both of Fulton; and two grandchildren.

In the first of four television debates, on Sept. 26, 1960, Vice President Nixon and Senator Kennedy exchanged views on domestic policy.

Cothen Named President-Elect, BSSB

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University and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee, the executive committee of the American Association of Theological Schools and the executive boards of the state Baptist conventions in Oklahoma and Alabama.

Cothen is the son of a Baptist minister, with two preacher brothers. He is married to the former Betty Major of Chattanooga. They have two grown children, Grady Coulter, Jr., and Carol Lorrain (Mrs. Don C. Chesney).

Trustees Of BSSB Reply To Committee Of Fifteen

NASHVILLE (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in their semiannual meeting here named a president-elect and a personnel manager for the board and responded to the recent report of the Southern Baptist Committee of Fifteen.

In a letter to the Committee of Fifteen, a group studying the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, the trustees stated that they view only five of the committee's fifteen expressed "concerns" about the Sunday School Board as valid.

Six of the committee's concerns are seen as being stated "in partial or total error," and the remaining four are viewed as matters of "awareness" rather than concern, a board spokesman said.

The trustees expressed appreciation for the work of the committee, and agreed with "concerns" related to missionary education, revision of church organization task statements, continued coordination of convention programs related to the local church, improvement of the board's retire-

ment program and a change of name for the agency.

Committee "concerns" seen as "not valid" are those related to board use of business terminology, changes in planning processes between the board and state conventions, a charge that the board has ignored SBC "critical issues," suggested changes in board organizational structure, the board's communications regarding its relationship to the Cooperative Program, and suggested changes in budgetary control.

Committee "concerns" which seemed to the trustees to be matters for "awareness" rather than concern were: a reminder concerning the principles behind the founding of the board in 1891, communication of an impression of "pastoral warmth" from the board, expansion of capital assets and care in fixing prices of church literature.

The trustees also agreed that the "goals and objectives in certain areas" which conclude the Sunday Board section of the report are "valid

and worthy of our deepest thought and consideration."

The full report of the Committee of 15, an SBC Executive Committee subcommittee, will be considered at the Executive Committee's meeting in Nashville, Feb. 18-20.

Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will assume the post of president-elect of the Sunday School Board on May 1. He becomes president in February, 1975, succeeding James L. Sullivan, who retires at that time.

Kenton C. Hofmeister, 37, supervisor of the youth section in the church training department, was elected manager of the personnel department of the board, succeeding Leonard E. Wedel, who retired last year.

The trustees appointed a committee to assist Cothen in selecting an executive vice-president to replace J. M. Crowe, who retires along with Sullivan. Paul Henry of Maryland is chairman. Serving with him are Leon Cook of Oklahoma, Roy Adams of Michigan and Harold Sorrells and William Rudolph of Nashville. Scott Tatum of Louisiana and DeVaughn Woods of Nashville are ex officio members.

Friendship (Pike) Heads Church Training Recognition List

Friendship Church, Pike Association, has attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide since October 1. Friendship is the first church in the state to qualify for the special award to be given at the conclusion of the church year. Hugh Larry Jackson is the Church Training Director and Rev. H. Glenn Schilling is the pastor.

This special award, offered for this year only, will be a beautiful plaque recognizing those churches which qualify for Distinguished Recognition during the year of special emphasis on Church Member Development.

Six other churches have qualified for Advanced Recognition since October 1, 1973. These are McLaurin Heights, Rankin; Alta Woods, Hinds; Madison; Overt, Jones; Pleasant Hill, Lowndes; Brooklyn, Lebanon; and First, Kosciusko, Attala.

Four others have taken the first step toward the plaque by attaining Merit Recognition. These are Hebron, Jones; Indian Springs, Jones; First Ellisville, Jones; and First Aberdeen, Monroe.

An additional special award is offered this year by the Mississippi Church Training Department. It is a certificate of recognition to be given to all churches in the state who report an increase of 10% in Church Training enrollment for the year.

Woman Assumes Florida Baptist Presidency

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—Mrs. Henry Allen (Virginia) Parker, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church here, will become the first woman president of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Parker, whose husband served as the Florida convention's president in 1963, will succeed to the office from the second vice presidency following the resignation of the president and the first vice president.

Mrs. Letha Cassazza, a past president of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, dually, aligned with Southern and American Baptists, is believed to be the first woman to ever serve a Southern Baptist-affiliated convention as president. Mrs. Parker would be the second.

A. Rudolph Fagan, a pastor from Bradenton, Fla., was elected president of the Florida convention last November, but announced his resignation after his election as executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

The first vice president, Fred Cooper, director of information serves at Stetson University, Deland, Fla., resigned after learning of Fagan's proposed move, because, he said, "it would be impossible to give the time and leadership" the presidency of the Florida convention would require.

Annual Founders' Day Will Be Held At Sophia Sutton Feb. 19

Annual Founders' Day will be held at the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss Feb. 19, according to Dr. S. L. Richmond, assembly director.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Sophia Sutton Begley Memorial Auditorium, with adjournment set for later in the day.

Dr. L. V. Booth, of Cincinnati, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., will be the principal morning speaker.

Dr. Booth holds a academic degrees from Alcorn A. and M. College, L. O. R. M. A. N.; Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D. C., and the University of Chicago Divinity School as well as honorary degrees from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Morehouse College, Atlanta; and Central State University, Wilberforce.

He is a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and a member of "Who's Who In Colored America, 1950."

The principal speaker for the afternoon session will be Rev. E. Edwards Jones, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

He holds the Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, and is also a graduate of both Grambling College and Bishop College.

Dr. Jones is also president of Mt. Hermon Baptist District Association and vice-president of Missionary Baptist State Convention of Louisiana.

Each church represented is asked to make a contribution of \$100 to help complete the cabin drive begun last Founders' Day, Dr. Richmond said.

Individuals are also asked to contribute and churches and individuals not present or represented are asked to send their gifts to Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, P. O. Box 666, Prentiss, Miss.

Mrs. Alma Barnes and Mrs. Annie Mae Richmond are both serving as assistant directors.

Dr. Richmond said "that the board and staff of Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly are indeed grateful to you the ministers, and many friends, collectively and individually, for your sincere interest and liberal contributions during the past. May the Lord continue to bless each of you in your Kingdom work through the years as we work for the advancement of humanity and the Kingdom of God."

J. Clyde Turner Dies At Age 95

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — J. Clyde Turner, 95, four times president of the North Carolina Convention of Baptists, a longtime pastor and former president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees, died here February 1.

Turner, who retired from a 38-year pastorate in 1948 of First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C., fell at Hillhaven Convalescent Center here and suffered a broken hip on January 26, according to Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder.

The Southern Baptist leader was a member of the Southern Seminary (Louisville, Ky.) board 31 years, serving as chairman 12 years, according to seminary records.

Graham Scheduled For Dallas SBC

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For the third consecutive year, music will be under the direction of William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department for the SBC Sunday School Board. Sam Prestidge, secretary of the church music department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will serve as assistant music director.

Music groups scheduled to appear through the convention include The Centurymen, the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, the Perry Ellis Family of Brazil, the youth and

adult choirs of First Baptist Church, Dallas, the adult choir of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., the Men's Chorus from Southwestern Seminary and the United Baptist Choir, Nassau, Bahamas.

Soloists include Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo.; Miss Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, Tex.; three Dallasites — Miss June Hunt, Mrs. Martha Branham and Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson; Frances Cooper Miles, Pensacola, Fla., daughter of President Owen Cooper; and Joe Carrell, Austin, Tex.

Much of the convention program will be devoted to conducting the bus-

iness of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

About six and a half hours has been set aside for such business as election of officers, the report of the SBC Executive Committee, miscellaneous business, committee reports and receiving, reporting and acting on resolutions. Some six hours and twenty minutes will be devoted to hearing reports on the work of agencies related to the convention.

Other former SBC presidents on the program are, Herschel H. Hobbs, Ramsey Pollard, Brooks Hays, J. D. Grey, Robert G. Lee and Louie D. Newton.

Names In The News

Dr. John R. Eubanks is interim pastor at Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, while the Pulpit Committee is looking for a pastor. Dr. Eubanks will serve as interim pastor until a man moves into the pastorate.

Frank Ashby has not missed a day of Sunday School in over nineteen years. Above, he is wearing a pin representing each year's perfect attendance. He serves his church each week as he greets the people with a smile and a bulletin. The people of First Church, Marks, (Rev. Gordon H. Sansing, pastor) appreciate his service and faithfulness. He is the son of Mrs. Annie Ashby of Marks.

W. Buren Johnson, emeritus missionary to China and Indonesia, died Feb. 3 in a Winston-Salem, N. C., nursing home. He was 78 years old. A funeral service was scheduled for Feb. 5 at First Baptist Church, Pulaski, Va., with Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Southeast Asia, participating.

Bill (Boo) Davis is the new minister of education-administration at Calvary Church, Tupelo. Born in Virginia, he finished high school there and served active duty with the Army National Guard in the medical corps. In early manhood he held management positions with two major companies, one of them Armour and Company. During a missions conference in 1962 he responded to God's call. He and his wife, Linda, left Portsmouth, Virginia for Columbia Bible College. Then in 1969 the family, including two children, Barry and Susan, moved to Fort Worth, where Mr. Davis earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education degrees. He has served as interim pastor and supply preacher in South Carolina and Texas. For the past year and a half he has been minister of youth and education at Rainbow Church, Glen Rose, Texas. Dr. Bob Ramsay is the Calvary pastor.



Rev. Glenon (Slim) Lambert, Route 3, Box 195A, Lucedale, Ms., is available for supply preaching or pastoral work. Formerly he has served as pastor of churches in George and Mo-



940-2527.)

Burnell Hitt was recently ordained as deacon in First Church, Yazoo City, Rev. James Yates, pastor. He is director of the church's bus ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. (Mike) Newton, missionaries to Korea, may be addressed at I. P. O. 1361, Seoul, Korea. She, the former Wanda Dedaux, was born in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dr. Steven B. Hicks, Baptist representative to Mexico, has received the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. He (address: Apartado 31-132, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico) is a native of Madisonville, La. His wife, the former Minnie Greer, is from Poplarville, Miss.

Dr. R. H. Falwell Jr., missionary associate to Hong Kong-Macao, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). His wife will remain in the States until March 1. She is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, missionaries to Brazil, have begun orientation and may be addressed at Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822. He is a native of Wiggins, and his wife is the former Ethel Thatcher from Fruitland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. May Jr., missionary associates to the Dominican Republic, have arrived in the States for furlough. They may be addressed at 1130 Magnolia St., Lockhart, Tex. 78644. He was born in Glendale, Ky., and lived in Mississippi and Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel Jr., missionary associates to Korea, may be addressed at I. P. O. 1361, Seoul, Korea. Both are Mississippians.

Governor Bill Waller is the subject of an article, "Politics and Religion," by Mary Sue

published in Wheaton, Ill., is distributed nationally.

Mrs. Ernest W. May, mother of E. V. May Jr., missionary associate to the Dominican Republic on furlough, died Jan. 24 in Lockhart, Tex. He (address: 1130 Magnolia St., Lockhart, Tex. 78644) was born in Glendale, Ky., and lived in several towns in Mississippi and Texas while growing up.

Three William Carey College professors have been included in promotional material issued this month by the Southern Baptist Education Commission for Baptist Seminary, College and School Day, set convention-wide for Sunday, February 17. Carrying the theme "We Are Known by the People We Graduate" a poster is being distributed listing approximately 400 Baptist-educated denominational leaders out of a field of 434,000. Carey Baptist-educated professors named are: Dr. Milton Wheeler, Dr. James Downey, and Mrs. Marjorie Rowden. Also included were Carey alumni scattered in various vocational professions: Mrs. Hattie Bell Allen, Dr. William Osborn, Dr. William Payne, Louis Scott, Dr. Sidney Buckley, and Dr. Katherine Boyd.

Billy Ray Miller observed his second anniversary January 20 as minister of music and youth at Morgantown, Natchez. During this time a music activity program was organized for preschoolers and children through grade 6 with a present enrollment of 40. The youth choir enrollment has increased from 29 to 47. Both figures represent an all-time high for the church. Total music ministry statistics show a growth from 52 to the present enrollment of 121, and an average attendance of 96. Plans are nearly completed for a Youth Choir tour into Louisiana and Texas in June, presenting the musical "Celebration of Hope," with a pleasure stop at Six Flags. The "Good Life Singers" group was

being "Encounter" in area churches. Rev. Charles Hollifield is the pastor.

John A. Tumbler Sr., a Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to Brazil, and native of S.C., died Sunday Jan. 20, at a hospital in Newport News, Va. A funeral service was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Orcutt Baptist Church, Newport News. The



The Junior Class of Blue Mountain College sponsored a talent contest, participated in by members of the Ministerial Alliance of the college. Charlie Cooper of Etta, (center), minister of music at the Hickory Flat Church, a music major at Blue Mountain, won first place in the Talent Contest for his singing a medley of favorite gospel songs, all combined with "The Old Country Church." Second place was attained by Dr. James L. Travis, advisor for the M.A., and Bible professor (left), saxophone soloist; and third place winner, Walter Brown, Guntown, harmonica player (right).

Tumblins have made their home in Newport News since their retirement in 1958. Tumbler and his wife, the former Frances Marrow Davis, were missionaries to Brazil for 36 years. In Brazil he did evangelistic work in Jaguaquara and Natal and was director of the Taylor-Egdyio School in Jaguaquara for several years. Before retirement the Tumblins opened a new mission station in Martins. He is survived by his wife and two children, John Jr. of Stone Mountain, Ga., a former Southern Baptist missionary, and Alice Ann (Mrs. Davis).



Mt. Olive (Chickasaw) has awarded perfect attendance pins. L to r: Preston Sullivan, Eliza

James H. Petree is the new program and promotion specialist at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. A native of Beaumont, Texas, Petree went to the University of First Church, Paris, Tex., where he was serving as minister of education. Petree is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, and has attended Southwestern Seminary.

Brenda Corley who received her 3-year pin; and Clayton Corley who received his 10-year pin. Mr. Corley also serves as church music director. Rev. Billy T. McDaniel is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, may be addressed at J1 Jend Sudirman 39, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Both are natives of Brookhaven.



recipient of the Square County Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year award. Dr. Bryson is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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State Baptists And The Sunday School Board

Another Mississippian has been called to leadership of the ministry of the Sunday School Board. For the third time in succession a native of the Magnolia State has been chosen to lead the giant Southern Baptist publication agency.

Dr. Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary, has just been elected as president (formerly called executive secretary) of the Sunday School Board. He succeeds Dr. James L. Sullivan, also a Mississippian, who has directed the board's affairs since 1963. Sullivan succeeded Dr. T. L. Holcomb, another Mississippian who was executive secretary from 1935 to 1953.

Interestingly enough, all three of these men are natives of a small area of South Mississippi. Holcomb was born at Purvis, Sullivan at Tylertown and Cothen at Poplarville. All three graduated from Mississippi College. None were occupying positions in Mississippi when they were called to the task of leading the Sunday School Board. Sullivan and Holcomb, both were serving pastorates in other states, Cothen, at present occupying the presidential chair at New Orleans Seminary, formerly had held a similar position at Oklahoma Baptist University, and before that had been executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

These are not the only Mississippians who have played a large part in the work of the Sunday School Board. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, was on the committee which recommended the creation of the board in 1891. Paradoxically, he earlier had opposed such a board, but was used of God in setting up the principles for its establishment. The story of his day spent in a Birmingham hotel room with Dr. J. M. Frost of Virginia, in formulating the report which brought the board into being, is one of the sagas of Southern Baptist history. Dr. Gambrell allowed Dr. Frost, who strongly favored the board, to write the report, with the understanding that he, Gambrell could write the last paragraph, which pointed out that churches were to be free to go to other sources for their literature, if they so desired. Dr. Frost added the last sentence, which appealed to the churches to give the new board a fair consideration. In a dramatic moment, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting that year in Birmingham, accepted the report without a debate, after a brief but stirring appeal by Dr. John A. Broadus, president of Louisville Seminary.

Other Mississippians who have played a large part in the work of the board were Arthur Flake who led in many of the great organizational plans which have made Southern Baptist Sun-

day schools so effective; Landrum P. Leavell who early served in the Sunday school ministry, and became first B. Y. P. U. secretary for the board; and Frank Leavell, who was one of the "fathers" of Southern Baptist student work, and was secretary of that work when it was placed under the direction of the Sunday School Board. Many other Mississippians have shared in the work of the Sunday School Board, and a number of persons from the state hold important leadership positions there now. We think of a number of them right now, and hesitate to name them since we feel sure that some may be overlooked. However, names such as Todd, Steen, Johnson, Moore, White, Bryon, and Treadway, and we are sure there are others whom we have overlooked, or may not even know have origins in this state.

Mississippi Baptists rejoice in the part God has allowed them to have in the ministry of this great agency of the convention. Our prayers will go with Grady Cothen as he moves into this new task.

"A Higher Power"

Speaking as chairman of the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington recently, Mississippi's own Senator John Stennis, is reported to have told the assembled group that the first thing he remembered after he was shot last year was his daughter leaning over his hospital bed and whispering, "Daddy, people all over America are praying for you." He said that his thought was "Goodness, if all of them are praying, I must be in pretty bad shape." He was in a serious condition but God pulled him through. He added that when it was evident that he was going to recover, one of his doctors said to him, "There must have been a higher power."

Yes, there was a higher power. Those of us who are Christians know that God is that higher power. . . a God who answers prayer. Evidences that the promises of God in the Bible concerning prayer are true are so many that we do not need to even begin to name them here. Those who understand the Bible teaching concerning prayer know that they do not mean that every request will be answered exactly as the petitioner asks, but that every request is heard by God, and that he does answer "yes" to many of them. There are many elements of prayer such as worship, praise, adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession and others. We do not understand all the mysteries of prayer but we know that we are taught to pray in all things.

Senator Stennis's doctor was correct. There is a "higher power."

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE RICH STAY RICH — "There has been no significant progress towards equality in the distribution of income and wealth in America for more than a generation." So says a recent report from the Cambridge Institute:

—The top 20% of American families receive more income each year than the bottom 60%.

In 1970 the 10.4 million families in the bottom fifth had an average income of \$3,054; the 10.4 million families in the top fifth had an average income of \$23,100.

—The top fifth of families receives close to half of all wages and salaries and 65% of all unearned or property income.

—The absolute dollar gap between the top and bottom grows each year.

In 1968, the difference in incomes between the lowest and highest fifths of families averaged \$13,729. By 1969 the difference was \$18,888. There is a much greater concentration of wealth than income according to the report:

—The top 20% of wealth holders own over three-quarters of personal wealth.

—The top 1% alone holds between 20% and 30% of personal wealth and has done so for decades.

The basic facts point out that traditional political reforms — poverty programs and welfare — are not the answer.

Control Of Energy Resources — An Associated Press report reveals that the nation's 20 largest oil companies control almost 90% of the country's known oil reserves and "dominate shares of all known alternative fuels." The AP study further showed that the large oil companies own: (1) More than 70% of the U. S. natural gas supply; (2) Between 30% and 80% of the nation's coal; (3) More than 50% of the uranium supply used in nuclear power generation; and (4) Virtually all of the oil-shale lands currently under private ownership. (From News and Views, Ohio AFL-CIO, Dec. 21, 1973)

"WE ARE NOT FIGHTING AGAINST HUMAN BEINGS, BUT AGAINST THE WICKED SPIRITUAL FORCES IN THE HEAVENLY WORLD, THE RULERS, AUTHORITIES, AND COSMIC POWERS OF THIS DARK AGE." *



* EPH. 6:12 (GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN) GIVES THE SOLUTION

Know Your Enemy

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Joyous About Home Missions News From The Northeast

Dear Brother Odle:

I just received my January 17 Baptist Record when I relaxed to enjoy the Christian news. My heart was filled with joy. On page three was a banner with the words "No Man Careth for My Soul." Under this banner was a man (God's man) who spoke these words, Southern Baptists Do.

And on page five was a picture of an old barn that will become a church in Peabody, Mass. Members of this church were having a picnic lunch while spending a day working to convert this barn into a Southern Baptist church. In the background was a trailer home of a young man from N. C. who having married and upon leaving the Navy made this his home. With Christ in his heart he is responsible for starting this work. Charles Abbey and myself during the Northeast Crusade sponsored by the Home Mission Board led prayer meeting with these people in this home.

On Friday night of that week with Rev. Sammi Amari and his wife, we met in the home of a man who was working with international students in the Boston area for dinner (supper to me). We had food prepared from different lands. The people sang for Bro. Charles and myself Christian songs in their native tongues. I told these lovely people I wanted to do something for them. They listened while I sang "God Loves You and I Love You." (Which I had to sing three times while they wrote the words down). There were many more things that God let happen that week that need to be told. Brothers in Christ, if you believe like Rev. Sammi Amari that the Southern Baptist "Careth for every man's soul" GIVE, GIVE, GIVE to home missions. God will bless you in your mission out-reach.

Yours through Calvary ties,
Robert J. Polson
West Laurel Baptist Church
Laurel, Mississippi

Oakland To Coffeerville Once An Overnight Trip!

Dear Sir:

I read in the Baptist Record about the Centennial Celebration of the Coffeerville Church. They have just completed their new church building. The first association I attended was in Coffeerville in 1907. Then I was 16 years old. That was long before we had cars to ride in. My aunt and I were both messengers to the association from Spring Hill Church in Tallahatchie County. We were carried in a buggy to Oakland where we caught the train and came to Grenada. We went to a hotel and got rooms. I told the night man to call us in time to catch the early train to Coffeerville. We did not have breakfast until we got to Coffeerville. People were there to meet us and we went to a home for breakfast.

One day we ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Brother Rice from Tallahatchie County was there. Doctor Bacon from Grenada was there and Mr. J. E. Byrd. They joked each other about having rice, bacon, and bird for dinner! Mr. Byrd was then district secretary.

over eleven years old. Twenty-seven were baptized at the same time. Later I publicly offered to be a missionary to China. I was teaching my second term of school trying to raise money to enter Mississippi College. My health broke several months before I finished the term. My trouble was epilepsy, so that killed my plans. However, I found plenty of work to do at home. I was elected Sunday School superintendent when I was six teen.

R. Gattis McCORKLE
North Mississippi Retirement Home
Grenada, Mississippi



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

We've been using the loveliest choral challenge at the close of our worship services lately. It begins "Go with God in your heart and be a blessing; let the gift of His love shine through." Those lines really got to me this morning (I'm writing this on Sunday afternoon, as you'd figure from that last word!). It's been a while since anything has walloped me with quite the force they did.

It was two of the prepositional phrases, really, what did it: with God, and of His love. I thought as I sang it how many days I get up, ask the Lord to go with me, then start spinning my wheels and speed off ahead of Him at such a pace I'm sure He thought I was just being nice when I asked Him to go, and really didn't mean it.

I don't know where you go each morning when you ask Him to go with you, but I go to a high school to try to teach however many of the 120 students for whose learning of English I am responsible show. Trying to teach English is difficult enough when John ny and Jeannie want to learn, but when Johnny and Jeannie couldn't care less, it is well nigh impossible. But you don't give up. You keep on trying, day after day. And mostly, you feel like you keep on failing, day after day.

Then that pesky "of His love" phrase. My students may have seen a thimbleful of love in me these five weeks I've been there. It's real sad to me that teachers nowadays are victims of the rebellion toward authority that America is still feeling. A teacher looks at a class with love and often has the love thrown back in her face. Soon she finds herself meeting frown with frown, glare with glare, edgy voice with edgy voice, letting tones of disapproval slip in, aggravation replace patience, and soon loving love someone in the shuffle.

Tomorrow morning I'm going to slow down enough to recognize and feel God's presence with me before I go and as I go — to say nothing of as I stay at school. I'm going to think "love" all day long. Under my breath I'm going to hum that beautiful tune and think those beautiful words.

Wonder what the classes next door would think if I taught the song to my classes and we all sang it?

After all, we're supposed to be innovative. I've never used a song to teach English, but this one would be perfect for teaching the request-transformation.

Happy Valentine's Day!

What Christians Are Like

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows, no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites, if you don't keep a string on them they will fly away.

Some are like balloons, full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then, some are like a good watch, open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works. — The Gloster Baptist

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Still Our Major Emphasis

Mississippi Baptist churches, along with Southern Baptist churches across the nation, are doing many things today. As we said last week, "exciting" things are happening in Baptist churches.

Yet, evangelism still is the major emphasis in these churches. They have not forgotten that their first task is to win people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Evidence that this is true in Mississippi was made clear in the beautiful sanctuary of First Church, Vicksburg, last week when hundreds of pastors and laymen from all over the state assembled for the annual state Evangelistic Conference. Evangelism Director, Roy Collum, had planned a strong program. Those who came were not disappointed for the speakers were at their best, and other phases of the program, especially the music, were simply outstanding.

The major speaker was Dr. Franklin Paschall of Nashville who spoke five times. He exalted Jesus Christ and the Biblical revelation of him in every message, and pressed upon his hearers the necessity for sharing the glorious gospel of Christ with lost men.

Dr. Jesse Northcutt of Southwestern Seminary led the Bible study at each

session of the conference, and presented an exposition of the first eight chapters of Romans. The messages were rich studies of the word of God, and we are sure many of the hearers went away with new ideas for sermons, and new appreciation for the great doctrinal truths presented by Paul in this letter.

Dr. John Havlik of the Home Mission Board, represented that board and spoke three times. As usual, his messages are inspiring, yet practical and down to earth presentations of the evangelistic task God has laid upon Southern Baptists.

Several state speakers had places on the program, discussing mainly the plans for emphasis for 1974 in Mississippi.

Dan Hall of the convention board's Music Department had entitled the assistance of musicians from all parts of the state, in providing inspiring music for every session of the conference.

It was an outstanding meeting in every sense, and we are sure that those who had the privilege of being present returned to their homes with hearts warmed, and spirits stirred. It should be another good year of evangelism in Mississippi.

NEWEST BOOKS

KEEDMAN'S HANDBOOK TO THE BIBLE edited by David and Patricia Alexander (William B. Eerdmans, 600 pp., \$12.95) This new publication is without a doubt one of the most beautiful, well-arranged, and readable Bible handbooks ever prepared! It would add immeasurably to the library of any Bible student. In this comprehensive and fully illustrated reference volume, the reader can see and understand the Bible in its historical context and will find answers to almost every imaginable question about biblical times and places. There is information about the geography, climate, weights and measures, or money of Bible times, and about the culture and the character of the early civilizations that surrounded Israel. The book is divided into four sections. It begins with general information about the Bible, including articles on various texts and translations and a chart on "Christianity and World Ideologies." Following are substantial sections on the Old and New Testaments. Detailed outline guides to every book of the Bible are included among many other items. Key themes and doctrines of the Scriptures are presented in the final section, which also includes a general subject index, and additional indices of people, places, maps, and illustrations for both Old and New Testaments. Produced in cooperation with the World Council of Churches.

FALLING WALLS, THE DOCTRINE OF RECONCILIATION by Fred L. Fisher (Convention Press, paper, 123 pp., New Church Study Course) The aim of this book is to help those who read and study it to understand and appreciate the doctrine of reconciliation in all its implications and to lead them to take their places in the ministry of reconciliation. The writer is professor of New Testament interpretation at Golden Gate Seminary.

EVANGELIST SERMONS by James P. Wesberry, (Broadman, 124 pp., paper, \$1.95) This widely known Atlanta pastor presents a series of 12 evangelistic sermons. They are textual, Christ centered, clearly outlined, and include numerous appropriate illustrations. These are warm, fervent, evangelistic messages aimed at bringing people to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

WINDING ROAD by William N. McElrath (Convention Press, paper, 99 pp., New Church Study Course) This book for children was written by a missionary to Indonesia and former editor of children's materials at the Baptist Sunday School Board. It tells the story of a young Royal Ambassador who grew up to be a missionary — and describes the winding road that his life followed in order to reach the place God wanted him to go.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH by James E. Carter (Broadman, 123 pp.) Originally this material was prepared as a twelve-part Bible study for Royal Service. "Mission is the special task of certain 'called' people and the inherent responsibility of all who accept Jesus as Lord. Mission is not the exclusive duty of certain boards or of women instead of men; it is the ultimate purpose of the church." Dr. Carter, a Louisiana pastor, clarifies such basic truths in these Bible studies. His clear writing style and use of contemporary illustrations make the book recommended reading.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN 1973-74; CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN BOOK 1973-74 (Convention Press, paper, 46-48 pp. each) These plan books are still available from the Sunday School Board, for the enrichment of the Sunday school department director or teacher.

CHURCH LIBRARY RECORD AND PLAN BOOK 1973-74 (Convention Press, paper, 37 pp.) This book will help the church library keep a record of both past and present activities and services. It provides space for recording circulation, regular services, historical data, and special projects.

Annie Armstrong Had Own Ideas On Women & Missions



Annie Armstrong

Annie Armstrong, the first corresponding (executive) secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, was a lady whose manners made her camera shy. It is said that she became so annoyed by a candid cameraman once that she refused ever to be photographed. Only one picture of Annie Armstrong has survived. This sketch made from it shows that the originator of the special offering for home missions was quite a pretty young lady.

By Catherine Allen
for Baptist Press

During March, Southern Baptists will attempt to roll together \$7,200,000 for home missions in a special Easter offering named for Annie Armstrong, a pre-"women's libber" who lived by her own strict set of do's and don'ts for women.

In a day when all Southern Baptist leaders were men, and women were more silent than mice in a church, Annie Armstrong quietly agitated among women for a convention-wide missions organization for women.

When women finally took heart from the encouragement of mission board leaders and organized Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) in 1888, they elected Annie Armstrong the corresponding secretary. Her work in that office for the next 18 years paralleled that of today's WMU executive secretary.

Miss Armstrong worked tirelessly, and effectively to sound the call of foreign missions and home missions to women. She established many patterns and projects that continue to

frame WMU. Yet she was no feminist by today's standards.

Having grown up in a church that seated men on one side and women on the other, she never uttered a word in public when a man was present.

She opposed having men and women seminary students taught in the same classes and resisted the establishment of the WMU Training School, near Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, so strenuously that she resigned her WMU post.

She considered it entirely improper to receive a salary for her services to missions, so she vigorously turned down offers of remuneration.

With the same determined spirit she pursued the things she believed in. Immediately after Woman's Missionary Union was founded, the ladies undertook a special missions offering for Miss Lottie Moon, a missionary in China who had urged the founding of WMU.

Miss Armstrong handwrote letters to hundreds of missionary societies promoting the offering—permanently damaging her hand.

Simultaneously, Miss Armstrong led WMU to undertake a special project for home missions.

Women filled "brick cards" with money to build a church in Havana, Cuba. This and other fund-raising projects led in 1895 to the first "Self-Denial Offering" designed to pay home missions debts. The offering grew into an annual week of prayer and thanks offering.

Although she was an avid supporter of foreign missions, home missions was Miss Armstrong's first love. She never journeyed abroad but traveled extensively among frontier missionaries to Indians.

She worked personally with immigrants and blacks in her home city of Baltimore and led in packing hundreds of barrels of supplies for home missionaries.

Miss Armstrong championed the starting of the Home Mission Board's building and loan fund in 1900. Her devotion to home missions was permanently recognized in 1933 when the special offering for home missions climaxing the week of prayer was named in her honor.

The week of prayer for home missions will be spotlighted March 3-10, 1974.

Though Miss Armstrong was a stickler for men and women keeping

to their distinctive roles, it is believed she would be proud to see the week of prayer and offering 1974-style. She would be proud to know that home mission now bubbles at the center of Southern Baptist interest and that home missions is of vital importance to men as well as to women.

She would heartily endorse the theme for this year's observance, "In Him Is Life," especially as it is considered at the Easter season. She would be happy to know that the WMU-sponsored offering netted \$6,884,357.61 for home missions last year. The offering is aided by pro-

motion from the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Of course, home missions methods and scope have changed greatly from Annie Armstrong's turn-of-the-century culture. Today almost 2,200 Southern Baptist home missionaries are

plus Panama and Puerto Rico. The home missions program costs more than \$18,000,000 a year to operate, and that boils down to \$32.58 a minute, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

under appointment in all 50 states. The Cooperative Program (unified budget) of Southern Baptists and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are the main sources of income for the convention's home missions endeavors.

If the \$7,200,000 for the Easter offering is reached, Rutledge said, the missionary force in the United States could have a net increase of 50 by the end of 1974. Also, he noted, the almost 2,200 Southern Baptist home missionaries could be more adequately supported in the face of an unstable economy.

(Adapted from the February, 1974, issue of World Mission Journal)



SCRAPBOOK



Abraham Lincoln said it

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking a man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

The Ground Hog

Once of the ground hog it was said,
If he today should leave his bed,
The ground above him to explore,
And see upon the drifted snow
The sun his moving shadow throw,
Of winter there'll be six weeks more.

I know not how it chanced that he
A weather prophet came to be,
Nor why on ground hogs God bestows
A wisdom unto men denied
That they such matters can decide
From shadows on the drifted snows.

Now whether false or true may be
This ancient bit of prophecy,
I can not with conviction say.
I am not versed in nature well.
It's just a tale I always tell
The children when it's ground hog day.

—Edgar A. Guest

Nothing? Wait!

I am nothing now,
Oh, but when I die
I shall be interred
In the same green earth
As Kings and Conquerors;
Queens and Presidents;
Poets and Scientists;
Millionaires and Giants;
And Senators and Saints.
Then shall I consider
Myself among the great!

—Mark Leggett

Do You Remember?

If you love me as I love you
No knife can cut our love in two.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet
And so are you.

Sure as the grapes grow on the vine
You are my darling Valentine.

Lincoln On Oaths

I dislike an oath which requires a man to swear he has not done wrong. It rejects the Christian principle of forgiveness on terms of repentance. I think it is enough if the man does no wrong thereafter. — Abraham Lincoln (1899-1895)

Verse For The Week

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

—Song of Solomon 2:13

Proverbs On Marriage.

First thrive and then wife.
Keep thy eyes wide open before marriage; and half shut afterward.

Lincoln's Farewell

(To the people of Illinois, when Lincoln was leaving for Washington and the Presidency.)

My friends:
No one, not in my situation,
Can appreciate my feeling of sadness
At this parting.

To this place,
And the kindness of these people,
I owe everything.
Here I have lived a quarter of a century,
And have passed from a young to an old man.
Here my children have been born,
And one is buried.

I now leave
Not knowing when or whether ever I may return,
With a task before me greater than that
Which rested upon Washington.

Without the assistance of that Divine Being
Who ever attended him
I cannot succeed.
With that assistance,
I cannot fail.

Trusting in him who can go with me,
And remain with you,
And be everywhere for good,
Let us confidently hope that all will yet be well.

To his care commending you,
As I hope in your prayers you will commend me,
I bid you an affectionate
Farewell.

Listen

My heart can't say to yours, "Don't hurt . . ."
My mind really can't say, "Don't you worry . . ."
But I can breathe a prayer,
Then say to you, "I care."

Or what's a friend for, anyway?

—Wilda Fancher



IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE IT WAS THE CUSTOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET ON ST. VALENTINE'S EVE TO DRAW NAMES OF THEIR "VALENTINES" OUT OF A BOX. IN ENGLAND, A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO THE "VALENTINE"; THE PRESENT WAS OFTEN A PAIR OF GLOVES.



THE CUSTOM OF SENDING VALENTINES OR LOVE-TOKENS BEGAN DURING THE MIDDLE AGES, AND PROBABLY OWED ITS ORIGIN TO A BELIEF COMMONLY HELD IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND THAT THE BIRDS BEGAN TO MATE ON THE SECOND FORTNIGHT OF THE SECOND MONTH.



IT WASN'T UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY THAT THE CUSTOM OF SENDING VALENTINE CARDS BECAME POPULAR AMONG CHILDREN. IT HAD ITS BEGINNINGS WHEN PARENTS STARTED TO SEND NOTES AND LITTLE FAVORITS TO THEIR CHILDREN ON THE DAY, AND LATER YOUNGSTERS BEGAN TO GIVE CARDS TO THEIR FRIENDS AND SCHOOLMATES.

'You Can Go'—Theme For WMU Focus Week

By Barbara Taylor

WMU Focus Week is February 10-16. The theme "You Can Go," expresses one phase of mission support, which is the special area of emphasis in Woman's Mission Union for 1973-74.

Among the responsibilities of Woman's Missionary Union is that of creating or providing an atmosphere in which persons can respond to the call for mission service.

Presenting the challenge of missionary service is a primary objective of WMU, and this particular area of mission support will be emphasized in a special way through all WMU organizations in local churches this week.

You Can Go — to any of 77 foreign countries — or to many places in the fifty states of the United States.

When you go, it could be for only a few weeks, or a few years, or for a lifetime. How can you go? By being a missionary.

There are many varied vocations needed on mission fields — not only preachers, teachers, medical workers, musicians — but also librarians, secretaries, agriculturists, radio-TV workers, pilots — and many more. Numbers of Mississippians could go as short-term or career missionaries to places where people need help — and need to hear about Jesus.

Southern Baptists have the privilege of sending and supporting both home and foreign missionaries who have heard and heeded the call to missions service.

YOU CAN GO, too.

Feb. 10-16 WMU Focus Week

Girls In Action, Acteens Recognized

February 10-16 is WMU Focus Week. In keeping with this special emphasis, the following feature is printed, recognizing Girls in Action and Acteens. Many Recognition services have been held over the state during the past year, but the ones

shown here have been chosen as representative of the many. Because of limited space, other similar pictures will not be printed again in the Baptist Record until WMU Focus Week, 1975.

theme carried out the recognition service. Mrs. Jewell Burke of New Prospect sang "So Send I You". Each girl presented a portion of her work done to achieve the level in which she was recognized. Scripture and prayer was given by the pastor, Rev. John Burke of New Prospect.

The narrator for the program was Mrs. Kay Hodge, DeSoto Baptist Association Acteens director. Mrs. Burke of New Prospect and Mrs. Jerrie Walker of Southaven presented the charges and awards.

Sara Lynn Sowell, Queen-With-A-Scepter, New Prospect.

"Follow the Light" was the



DeSoto Association honored the above Acteens from several churches in the county.



Queens, Queens with Scepter, and Queens-Regent receiving recognition at Calvary, Tupelo, are left to right: Beth Davenport, Tammy Gray, Kay Brenner.

Tammy Breeding, Rhonda Easterling, Beverly Stewart, Susie White, Lisa Merritt, Fran Miller, Sherri White, and Sheila Long.

Local Church Honors Girls

On May 20 of last year, Calvary, Tupelo had a recognition service and reception honoring their Girls in Action and Acteens who had achieved certain prescribed goals. The eleven Acteens, who were either Queen, Queen With Scepter, or Queen Regent, composed the largest group of Queens in Calvary's history. Mrs. Howard Davenport is WMU director; Dr. Bob Ramsay is pastor.



Girls In Action receiving recognition at Calvary, Tupelo, are left to right: Michelle Easterling, Laura White, Suzanne Taylor, Marcy McCord, Sandy Stewart, Patricia Woods, Barbara McClellan, Kathy Merritt, Angela Whaley, and Molly Lyons.

Desoto Association Honors Acteens

DeSoto Association recognized the following Acteens in a special Acteens Recognition Service at New Prospect Church last year. The service included (from left to right) Betsy McLeroy, Queen-With-A-Scepter, New Prospect; Karen Sisk, Queen, First, Southaven; June McElroy, Queen, New Prospect; Kathy Kidd, Queen, First, Southaven; Gail Davis, Queen, First, Southaven; SECOND ROW: Sharon Turner, Queen Regent, Fairhaven; Trudy Haven, Queen Regent, New Prospect; Kim Barkley, Queen Regent, New Prospect; Chris Gargano, Queen Regent, First, Olive Branch; and

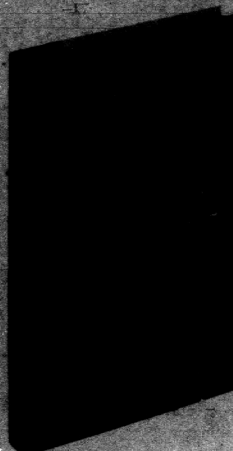
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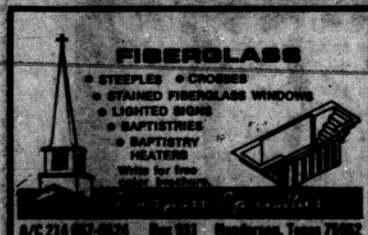
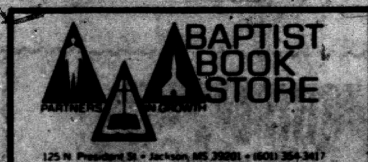
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They like cleanliness and neatness and masculinity. They also like maturity up to your age level, and do not expect it beyond that. But they do despise little boys wearing men's clothing.

They like a sense of humor. They like boys who know how to have fun like they themselves (the girls) think of fun.

Girls are impressed by boys who think of pleasant things to do on dates. And they like it when the right amount of money is spent on them, not too little or too much.

They like for guys not to think of them just as sex objects and try to traffic in their femaleness. A girl of quality wants you to think of her sex in terms of her personality and not try to separate one from the other.

A Christian girl might very well have standards which you may not have observed in others. And if you are a Christian boy she would like to see in you a set of values which could combine wholesome dating with Christian behavior.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

Union's First Baptist Mission Looks Forward To Independence



Pastor Rev. J. P. Bush in front of West Calvary mission of First Church, Union.

By Mrs. Gladys Moss

Union's First Baptist Mission can look forward to becoming debt-free and independent in the near future.

The third of this mission church was brought about in 1960 by the determination of Christian laymen W. A. Chaney, Banks McNair, Lloyd Loke, music director James Brown and Pastor C. O. Lindsey of First Baptist Church of Union. Today it stands on the corner of Newton Street and Conahatta Road.

Before its organization in 1960 it had long been evident that the citizens of Union needed another place for worship in order to meet the spiritual needs of its people. After innumerable prayers and discussions among Pastor Lindsey and members of First Baptist Church plans were made to try to collect \$2,000 in donations for a new church building and to establish a mission church. But these plans were defeated because of lack of support, until McNair challenged his friend Chaney for help.

Chaney agreed that the need for a mission was great and offered his home for the first meeting place on May 23, 1960. Twenty persons organized a Sunday school. Three classes were organized that night. James Brown was elected Sunday School Superintendent. The following month County Missionary A. G. Smith, visited the Sunday school and helped to formulate a plan of work for present needs and extended growth. By the end of the second month, enrollment doubled. Because of the rapid increase in numbers it became necessary that the new Sunday school find more spacious accommodations than most homes could afford. A frame building conveniently located on Newton Street was secured and rented, becoming a temporary place for Bible teaching.

After six months growth a Training Union was organized and repairs were made to the building; necessary equipment was bought and a pulpit committee was selected to find a pastor for the steadily growing congregation.

On April 2, 1961 James Allen, a student at East Central Junior College, was invited to conduct preaching services. He was extended a second invitation to preach a trial sermon April 16, and was called to become first pastor of the mission on April 28, 1961.

Mr. Lindsey made arrangements for Allen's ordination into the ministry to be conducted in Little Man or Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tn. Sunday, August 20.

In 1962 plans were submitted for buying property on which to build a new church building. Upon approval

of First Baptist, an option was secured for the property and plans for a new building were presented for study. Looking forward to future independence, several names were presented for the new church. "West Calvary" was selected by unanimous vote.

Development continued until at last construction on the new church began in April, 1964. The work progressed at top speed and was finished in August. The first service held in the new building was on August 30. Dedication services were held November 8, 1964.

To date the mission has been under the leadership of five ministers and has operated under a mission status since its organization in 1960. Its enrollment is now 130 and its exceeds \$11,000. Rev. J. P. Bush has been pastor there since December, 1970.

Under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Bush the mission has steadily moved forward to become a beacon of light for the community and surrounding area of Union. Air conditioning and a new piano have recently been installed and plans are under way for purchasing an organ and building a pastor's home.

NCAA Award Given To SBC Pastor

KANSAS CITY (BP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has named R. J. Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., as one of five national recipients of its Silver Anniversary Award.

Robinson and four others leaders, who were All-Americans 25 years ago, were selected on the basis of community leadership as well as athletic accomplishment. They were to receive the award at the NCAA's convention in San Francisco.

He was an All-American basketball player at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., from which he graduated in 1949, and a member of the 1948 Olympic basketball team. He preached the O. J. sermon in London.

Robinson is scheduled to preach the annual sermon at this year's SBC meeting in Dallas in June. He is a past president of the Baptist State Convention of Georgia.

Carey Chooses Outstanding Alumnus Of Year

William Carey College will present its "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award February 15, during Homecoming activities to a young Carey alumnus, who according to school officials, embodies greatness in both the fields of academics and mission service.

Dr. William P. Osborn, native Mississippian, 1962 graduate of William Carey College, a PhD in psychology and counseling from the University of California, will receive the 1974 alumnus award from the Carey Alumni Association.

Dr. Osborn, in addition to being a professor at San Jose State University in San Jose, California, editor of the California Journal of Educational Research, a member of the California Advisory Council on Educational Research and co-ordinator for the office of Professional Development at the university, is also involved in extensive Christian mission work in California.

He serves as pastor of Templo Bautista in San Jose and as such directs numerous multi-lingual, multi-cultural community and social projects for non-English speaking people of his area. His work involves JET, an outstanding program for children, a Senior citizens' project which is in the process of providing a high-rise dwelling for non-English speaking elderly citizens, a radio and television ministry, a community counseling service, and numerous other Christian-oriented ministries.

Dr. Osborn is married to the former Evelyn Howard, also a former Carey College student, whose parents live in the Oak Grove Community near Hattiesburg.

CALI, Colombia — A budget of \$68,500 was approved and four new churches were admitted to the Colombian Baptist Convention at their 23rd annual meeting here recently. A committee of five laymen was selected from the 318 messengers present representing 67 churches to study the need for restructuring Baptist work in Colombia and bring a report to next year's convention.

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Rev. Joe Senter has accepted the pastorate of Siloam Church, Route 1, West Point. He is pictured above with his wife, the former Regina McGee of Fulton, and their two-year-old daughter, Kelly.

Mr. Senter, native of Fulton, is a December graduate of New Orleans Seminary, with Master of Theology degree. After he received the B. S. degree in accounting from Mississippi State University, he began work as an accountant in New Orleans. When he felt that God was calling him into the ministry, he entered the seminary there.

He moved to Siloam from Memorial Church where he was minister of youth.

Before the Senter family moved into the parsonage, it was extensively remodeled. Then they were welcomed with a pantry shower.



Rev. and Mrs. Joe Senter and Kelly.

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John 19:16-42
By Clifton J. Allen

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was Satan's most violent and desperate effort to try to destroy God. But, above everything else, the death of Jesus was God's victory over Satan, and all the powers of evil. The manner in which Jesus himself endured the humiliation and suffering of his crucifixion was in itself an exhibition of the victory of perfect love. There was no bitterness of desire for vengeance but only limitless compassion and willingness to forgive his crucifiers, there was no self-pity but only calm strength and full commitment. John tells in simple and direct fashion the succession of events at Golgotha. At the end Jesus affirmed his victory, "It is finished." The soldiers confirmed Jesus' death with a spear thrust in his side. Joseph and Nicodemus came and took the body from the cross and buried it in Joseph's new tomb. These are the facts, and they declare that God poured out the infinite riches of grace to provide salvation for a lost world.

The Lesson Explained

THEY CRUCIFIED HIM (vv. 17-22) There is awful realism in these words. They crucified the man Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Death by crucifixion was the most horrible and shameful means of death which men could devise. There was likely irony in Pilate's purpose, when he had the title "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," placed on the cross, to show his scorn of the Jews and of one claiming to be their king. But Pilate declared a truth he did not know. Jesus was the Messiah, the true King of the Jews and of all people. The title in three languages was a symbol of a further truth, that Jesus was dying for the salvation of the world.

The soldiers were not the only crucifiers of Jesus. The priests and scribes were the chief instigators, and Pilate had his share of guilt. The railing crowds also had their share. But we all are responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. He was made sin in our behalf. He gave his life to atone for the sins of the world. With unflinching courage and unquenchable loyalty, Mary, Jesus' mother, and other women stood by the cross. The Beloved Disciple was also there. Though in the agony of his death, Jesus commended his mother to John and asked John to care for her as his mother.

"I THIRST" (vv. 28-29) Crucifixion, in many cases, was drawn out for many hours until the loss of blood, the mounting fever, and

the shock and torture of pain brought death. The thirst of Jesus impresses the reality of his suffering. It declared also the reality of his humanity. He was willing to be identified with all mankind, not only to be subject to pain and thirst, but — much more important — to experience the emptiness and barrenness and loneliness and despair of all men in the thirst and torment of sin. Jesus was experiencing the combined thirst of humanity. No word could better describe the misery of sin and the agony of spiritual desolation and the despair of persons in rebellion against God. Jesus' outcry, "I thirst," is made all the more meaningful in that he had declared himself to be the Water of life. His willingness to be identified with the thirst of mankind is the basis on which he is able to give the water that springs up in the heart unto eternal life.

"IT IS FINISHED" (v. 30) Jesus was victorious in death. He

knew that his death would accomplish God's eternal purpose of grace. His life had not been taken from him; he was giving it as a sacrifice of love. He had not been overcome by his enemies. He was not simply dying as a martyr to try to inspire heroism in his followers. He was dying voluntarily that through death he might accomplish a death blow to the power of Satan and a finished redemption for lost mankind. The cross was in no sense a failure. It was triumphant victory. It was the revelation of divine wisdom and power, of infinite love and grace. Also, his death made it possible for God to be just and also to be the justifier of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. We miss the meaning of the cross if we fail to understand that it was the achievement of God in Christ to execute judgment upon the forces of iniquity and to set in operation the redemptive force that would draw men of all nations and races to himself in the commitment of repentance and faith.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

When Religion Is Sinful

Mark 7:1-23
By Bill Duncan

In your church last Sunday, you did some things because the people in the congregation thought they were the right things to do. How long have you been doing it like that? Before long these will be traditions, if they are not already.

This lesson is so important for our time when the church is being challenged to meet the needs of the modern man and much of our "traditional religion" just does not satisfy. We need to ask ourselves the question, "What is really the tradition of man and what is the idea of God?" In our lesson we see Jesus meeting head-on the Scribes and Pharisees in a collision of two views of religion and two views of the demands of God. In Mark 7:1-23 we see one of the supreme religious contests in history.

The whole concept is clean or unclean. This has nothing to do with physical cleanliness or hygiene. It is a ceremonial matter. The disciples of Jesus had eaten their bread without washing their hands according to the tradition of the elders. For a man to be clean was for him to be in a state where he might worship and approach God. Uncleanness was contracted by touching certain

persons or eating certain things. An example is: a Gentile was unclean. There were all kinds of rules and regulations to help the person keep clean. But it was impossible to avoid all kinds of ceremonial uncleanness. If a Jew walked where the dust had touched a Gentile's foot, he became unclean.

To combat this uncleanness an elaborate system of washing was worked out. At first there was a hand-washing on rising early in the morning. Then there grew up more complicated washings. The minimum amount of water was given. The method of how the water was to be poured down the arm and let it run off the fingers was given. A strict Jew would do all this in between courses of the meal.

These developments of thought and practices such as handwashing, which the Scribes and the experts had worked out through generations, became known as the traditions of the elders. They were not part of the written law given by Moses but regarded just as binding. To the orthodox Jew, all this ritual ceremony was religion. So religion became identified with a host of external regulations that were just as binding on the people of Jesus' day as the Ten Commandments themselves. To some of the Scribes that Jesus confronted, it was more important to wash the hands in a certain way than to obey the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet."

Jesus took an example of the oper-



Calvary Church, Tupelo

God And Country Recognition Award

Calvary Church, Tupelo recently gave special recognition to this group of Boy Scouts. Each received his God and Country Honors. The God and Country Emblem signifies evidence of growth in three stages. Each stage involves study and action projects. These are in the areas of Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian World Outreach, and Christian Citizenship. Left to right: Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor, Ken Posey, Tom Washburn, Clay Stewart, Keith Burkhead, and Paul Eason, Scout Master.

ation of the oral and ceremonial law to show how the observance of that law, so far from being obedience to the law of God, could become actual contradiction of the Law of God. In the Law from God, "A man shall honor his father and mother". In Mark 7:11, Jesus points out, "but you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, anything of mine you might have been helped by is Corban (that is to say, given to God)'. You let the man evade the basic duty of helping his parents." The idea of Corban was an oral tradition by the elders which said when a person gave his material wealth to the temple he did not have to keep the legal requirements of tithes or other things he was to do with the money in honoring God.

To the Scribes and Pharisees religion was the observance of certain outward rules, regulations and rituals. The law of God was simple and not so complicated. To the Scribes and Pharisees worship was ritual and ceremony.

To Jesus, religion was a thing of the heart. It issued in compassion and kindness, which was above and beyond the law. To Jesus, worship was the clean heart and the loving life.

WHEN IS RELIGION SINFUL? Jesus used the words of Isaiah who accused the people of his day of honoring God with their lips while their hearts were really far away. This spirit is seen in four ways.

1. Religion is sinful when it is hypocrisy. The word hypocrisy speaks of an actor. Jesus condemns one whose whole life is a piece of acting without any sincerity behind it all. A man may believe that he is good if he carries out the practice where others can see, no matter what his heart and his thoughts are like.

There is no commoner religious mistake than identifying goodness with certain so-called religious acts. Church-going, Bible-reading, careful financial giving, even time-tabled prayer do not make a man a good man. If in his heart there is enmity, pride or hate all the outward religious observances in the world will not make him anything other than a hypocrite.

2. Religion is sinful when we substitute human ingenuity for the revelation from God. The Scribes and Pharisees did not depend on listening to God for the guidance for life. They depended upon the clever argument or speeches of experts. True religion can never be the product of man's mind. The things of God are revealed by God to men.

A lot of what we hear today from pulpits, teachers in Sunday School, and popular speakers is cleverness which cannot be the basis of true religion. It sounds so good. It tells you what to do to make your church appear to be successful. But it fails to satisfy man's need.

The fundamental question is, how is a man's heart toward God and his fellowman?

3. Religion is sinful when it is the easy way out. It is easy to abstain from certain foods and to wash the hands, but far much harder to love and to forgive the unlovely, to help the needy at the cost of one's time, money, comfort and pleasure.

Jesus preached a hard gospel. We sometimes want people to join our church more than we want them to change. The Scribes and Pharisees rejected the thoughts of Jesus because Jesus rejected them. If religion consists only in external things or observances it is quite misleading.

Missionaries On Furlough

Mississippi missionaries now on furlough are listed below. Churches or other groups may contact them for speaking engagements, at the addresses given.

Tom and Gloria Thurman; 921 Jackson Avenue, Columbia, Ms. 39429 (Bangladesh); Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Ms. 39204 (Mexico); Jerry and Carol Simon, 715 East Northside Dr., Jackson, Ms. 39206 (Uganda); Bob and Dolores Magee, Route 5, Tyler-town, Ms. 39667 (Chile); John and Elizabeth Merritt, P. O. Box 591, Waynesboro, Ms. 39387 (Germany); James and Dorothy Gilbert, 208 East Main St., Clinton, Ms. 39056 (Ecuador); Cornelia Leavell, 208 S. Washington Avenue, Starkville, Ms. 39759 (Hong Kong).

Red Cross Says Thousands Eligible For Added Income

There may be thousands of people living in Mississippi who are eligible to receive more money from the U. S. Government every month, under the Supplemental Security Income Program.

"We are making an intensive effort to locate every eligible person and to inform him of the fact that he can be receiving a larger monthly income," said William H. Cade, Manager of the Mississippi Division, American Red Cross.

The Supplemental Security Income Program is for those who are 65 years or older, or blind, or disabled. Persons who are not receiving welfare may contact their local Red Cross Chapter or the nearest Social Security Office.

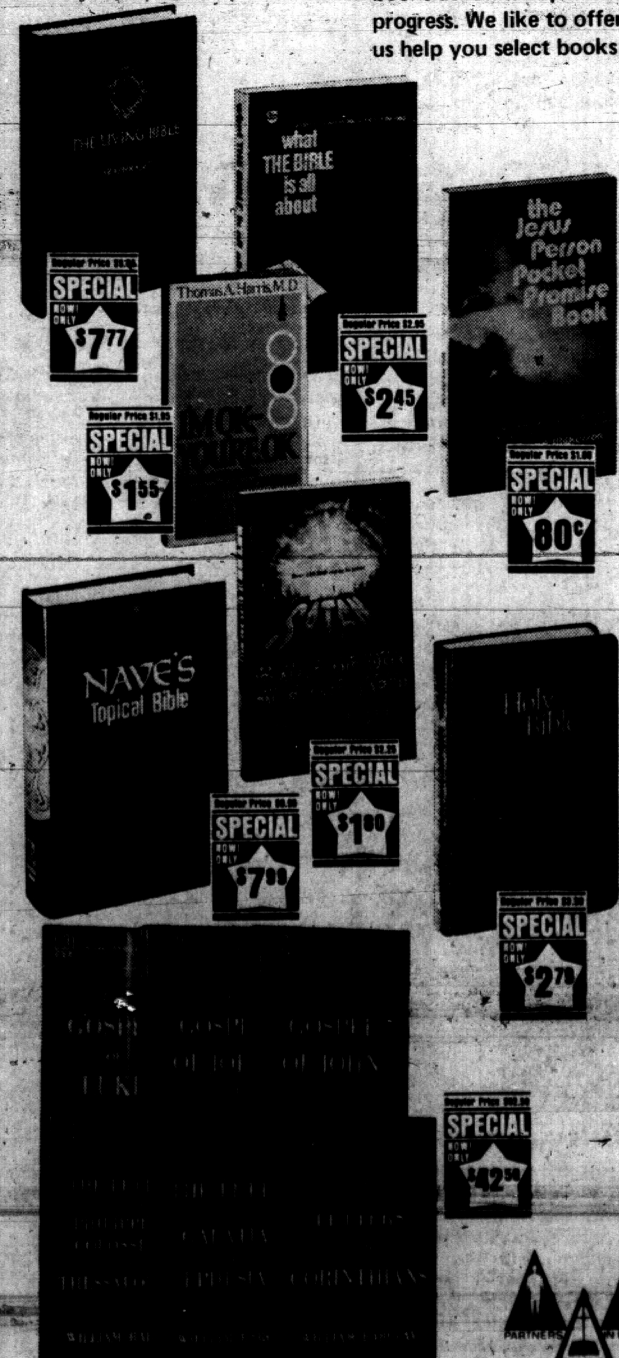
4. Religion is sinful that ignores the heart.

What matters to God is not so much how we act, but why we act, not so much what we actually do, but what we wish in our heart to do. Man may see the deeds but God looks to the heart.

Do we talk about the heart and the intent? It is Jesus' teaching — and it is that teaching that condemns everyone of us — that no man can call himself good because he observes external rules and regulations. One can only call himself good when his heart is pure. That is why we must say "God be merciful to me a sinner." The Scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus and his disciples of being evil because they did not observe the sacred traditions. Do we join them in judging only by the external? We need to remember that a man's moral condition is judged by what he is on the inside.

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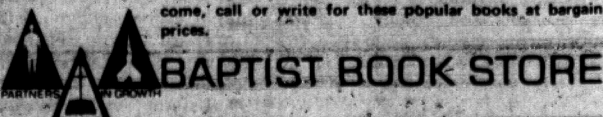
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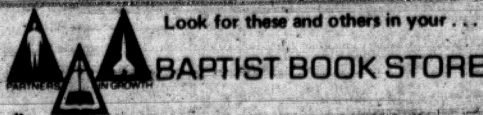
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Devotional

The Foolish Foreigners

John 12:1-11
By Ken Pichon, Tupelo

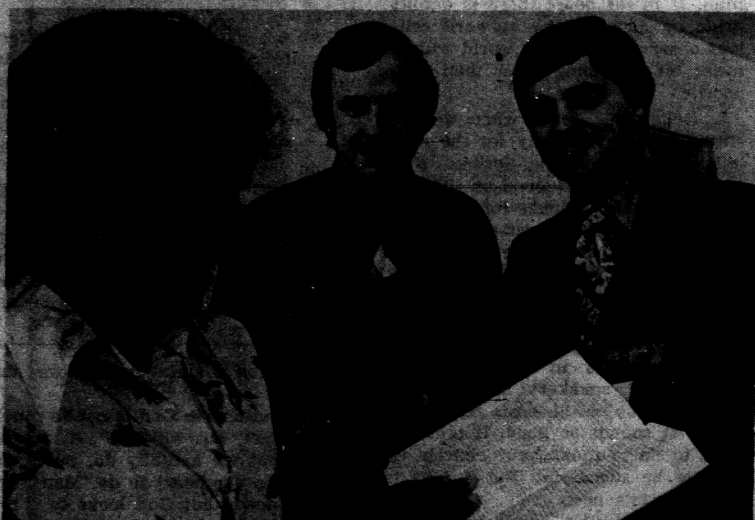
Some Greeks have come to see Jesus. How unusual! The Jews were looking for a deliverer, one to overthrow the oppressor and to govern them in the Kingdom established in Jerusalem. Most of the world ridiculed the Jews with their history of captivity and bondage. Even now the Roman government is firmly in control. Why would anyone but a Jew want to see this itinerant preacher, who claimed to have the solution to the problems of the world, but could not get the Jewish leaders to follow him? Why would a Roman or a Greek, living under a judicial system which provided for their protection, be concerned with the claims of this unknown preacher who proclaimed a God who could not be seen? If their friends and neighbors heard of this, they would mock them. If the Roman authorities learned of this association with one who was already under suspicion, their lives would be in jeopardy. But they came, and perhaps equally as surprising, the disciples of Jesus received them.

The emptiness of life as man seeks for real meaning and real joy is a driving compelling force. It crosses racial, economic, and religious barriers seeking truth. Christ in man attempts to break these barriers to encourage others to find this truth.

Before, God had spoken only when Jews were present; at the baptism of Jesus and on the Mount of Transfiguration, but now he speaks in the presence of non-Jews.

Fear and courage are two forces pushing and pulling to produce action. The emptiness of life is frightening and the hope of life is encouraging, so these two forces working together can bring man to God. Courage is always an important essential in confessing Christ, whether it is by these Greeks in Biblical times or the individual today who overcomes various obstacles in his quest for life as he confesses Christ before men.

Do you have the courage to confess Him today?



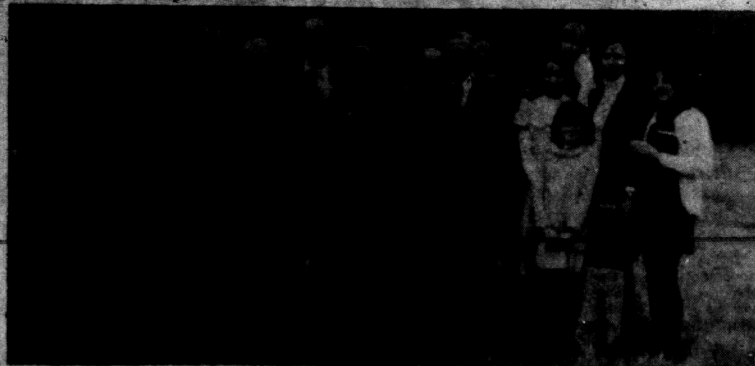
International Students Receive Bibles

International students attending Mississippi State College for Women were honored by First Church, Columbus Sunday, February 3. Each student received a special hard-bound copy of "The Living Bible" at a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service. Susie John of India looks over one of the Bibles with the international day chairman Gregory Versen, (center) and Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church.



Immanuel Debtfree In 20th Year

Immanuel Church, Cleveland, is now free of debt and the burning of the note was held January 20. The note was paid off prior to the church's 20th anniversary this year. Participating in the ceremony were Rev. James A. Hurt (left), pastor, who holds the note being lighted by Malcolm Webb (right), financial secretary for the past eight years. Looking on are Edwin Ballard, back left, chairman of deacons, and Curtis Ringold, treasurer of the church since its organization in 1954, who holds a bowl to catch the ashes.



Bethlehem Begins New Pastorium

Groundbreaking services were held January 13 at Bethlehem Church, Simpson County, for a new pastorium. Those joining the pastor, Rev. Marvin L. Cox, in these services are pictured with Jerald Brown, committee chairman, and deacons in attendance.



Stargis Fellowship Hall Free Of Debt

Stargis Church held a noteburning ceremony Jan. 13 on the payment of last indebtedness for the church's Fellowship Hall. L to r: E. Dale Jackson, Building Committee member and deacon; Rev. Higdon Herrington, pastor; Miss Algae Landrum and Mrs. W. D. Long, Building Committee members; Mrs. L. E. Hamill, treasurer; Carl Makamson and J. D. Jackson, Building Committee members and deacons.

Auburn Church Calls Pastor

Rev. James D. White is the new pastor of Auburn Church, Tupelo.

The Union County native was ordained by Jericho Baptist Church, Guntown. After graduation from Mississippi College he attended New Orleans Seminary. Prior to moving, Mr. White was pastor of Southside Church in Aberdeen for six and one-half years.

While in Aberdeen he was active in denominational affairs, serving as vice-moderator, training director and president of the pastor's conference in the Monroe Association. He also served as president of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference.

On December 27 Mr. White, his wife (the former Sara Kyle of Blue Springs), and their three children moved into the newly redecorated pastor's home at Auburn, Rt. 4, Tupelo.

Coldwater Consistently Goes Over Offering Goal

First Church, Coldwater has consistently gone over its Lottie Moon Foreign Missions offering goal year after year. The offering in 1973 was no different. The goal was \$2,700 and the amount received was \$2,877.54.

The offering totals for the past five years were: 1969-\$1,416.00; 1970-\$1,778.72; 1971-\$2,400.00; 1972-\$2,807.02; 1973-\$2,877.54, and the total for the period was \$11,079.28.

"We are not looking back, however. We are setting our goals for a larger sum and deeper commitment in 1974," states Dr. Anthony S. Kay, pastor.

Men's Day At Friendship

Friendship Church, Pike Association, observed Baptist Men's Day, February 3. At 8 a.m. breakfast was served for all men and boys. The men filled the choir for the morning worship hour, and Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg layman, was guest speaker. Robert Weber and Bill Bennett gave their personal testimonies. Clifton Williams was in charge of the music. Rev. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Southern Installs Toll-Free Telephone

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mississippi Baptists may now call Southern Seminary toll-free, using a new long distance line recently installed by the Southern Baptist Convention's oldest institution.

By dialing 1-800-626-5525, residents of every state except Hawaii, Alaska and Kentucky may call without charge to any administrative office on the Southern Seminary campus.

Offices which can be connected include admissions, alumni placement, personnel, housing, development, news and public relations, library, and continuing education. It is not currently possible to reach individual faculty members on the toll-free line. For faculty members, the main seminary number, 502-897-4011, should be called.

Callers are reminded that Louisville is now on Central Daylight Time. Calls should be made during normal office hours.

Euting Resigns BSSB Post For Pastorate

NASHVILLE (BP)—George L. Euting has resigned as coordinated promotion planning coordinator at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to become pastor of New Bridge Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.



Wahalak Presents Gifts To Village

Wahalak Church, Kemper County, instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, decided to pin money to the Christmas tree, to be given to Baptist Children's Village, Jackson. On January 26, they presented the gifts (\$70) and toured the Village. Above, Lisa Halley presents the money to Paul Numery, Village superintendent, far right. First row, l to r: Everett Connor, Marcie Bullard (pastor's wife), Debbie Edmonds, Sissy Halley, Miss Halley. Second row: Mrs. Everett Connor, Debbie Halley, Mark Green, and Rev. Ronnie Bullard, pastor.

Just For The Record

Hardy LM Offering Exceeds \$1000

Hardy Church (Grenada) again in 1973 had a Lottie Moon offering exceeding \$1000. In 1972 Hardy felt a need to give, but voted not to set a goal; for they believed no limit or boundary should stand before them. Each member was asked to write down what he wanted to give, put it into his Bible and pray for guidance. This would truly be a gift by faith. This year's gifts were \$1005. In 1972 the gift was \$1068.00.

Mt. Moriah Calls Pastor

Rev. Ray McCorkle is the new pastor of Mount Moriah Church, Rt. 1, Bruce. He moved on the field January 1, from Sunrise Church, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, where he was pastor for four years.

A native of Houston, Ms., he pastored churches in Chickasaw, Clay, and Lee Counties before attending Southwestern Seminary. While in seminary he pastored the LuKingsdom Church, Star Route, Graceland, Texas.

He is married to the former Sandra Joyce Morgan of Hattiesburg. They have one daughter, Kelli, 3.

Christmas Program, Gifts, Provided For Mexican-Americans

A Christmas Program for the Mexican Americans and their families was conducted at Clarksdale Baptist Church the week of December 16.

The following items were donated to these families and the cost is included:

Toys, \$1,114.14; clothes, \$171.28; socks, \$25.00; apples, \$40.00; oranges, \$25.00; candy, \$9.00; nuts, \$9.00; candy, \$25.00; money, \$125.00; cakes, \$2.40; total \$1,565.82.

There were 150 people present for a social from the immediate area. Rev. Lucius Marion is pastor.

More Books Needed For Children's New Mini-Library At Carey College

Mrs. Sally Nielsen, a graduate of William Carey College, who herself is involved in children's laboratory work on the University of Southern Mississippi's campus, has been the first to see the need and contribute to the building of a mini-library for children in Carey's new Early Childhood Development Laboratory School, just opened this past fall.

According to Mrs. Iris Brantley, director of the Carey program, Mrs. Nielsen has begun a wonderful project that many others in the area and among the alumni will want to continue. "We are providing this mini-library for the children," commented Mrs. Brantley, "to serve a two-fold



"Lottie Moon" Visits Oak Hill, Poplarville

Lottie Moon (in the person of Mrs. Inez Smith, above, left) paid a visit to the Oak Hill Church, Poplarville. While there she received the church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, presented to her by Michelle Lumpkin, right. Mrs. Smith is a long-time member of Oak Hill, a church that "always seeks to increase each year's Lottie Moon goal by 15%." The gift to Lottie Moon was \$920.32, an amount that went over the \$812 goal. Rev. Chester Estes, Jr. is the pastor.



Ministers' Wives Meet With Mrs. Compere

First-semester officers of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship at Clarke College, shown here with their sponsor, Mrs. W. L. Compere, wife of the college president (seated) are: Mrs. Edgar T. Collins, secretary; Mrs. Earl Armstrong, president; and Mrs. Ronnie Moore, program chairman. The December meeting of the Fellowship was held in the new home of Dr. and Mrs. Compere. The living room made a lovely setting for the above picture.

MC Seminary Extension To Offer Five Courses

Five courses will be offered through the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center during the spring semester. Dr. Eugene I. Farr, director of the Center, has announced.

Available second semester, which opens on March 4 and closes on May 2, will be Music 155, New Testament 122, Christian Doctrines 136, Pastoral Ministries 133, and History of Christian Missions 144.

The music course, to be taught by Dennis McIntire, will meet on Monday nights at the First Baptist Church in Clinton. The course is an introduction to reading, understanding, and directing.

The New Testament course, a survey of Christianity from Pentecost to Patmos, will be offered on Tuesday nights and will be taught by Dr. Howard E. Spell, Christian Doctrines, a survey of major doctrines of Christianity, will also be on Tuesday nights and taught by Dr. Ernest R. Pinson.

On Thursday nights Dr. Charles W. Clark will teach Pastoral Ministries, geared toward the life and work of the pastor in relation to the church's mission. The Christian mission course is also set for Thursday nights with Dr. Farr doing the teaching. It will be an introduction to the background and rise of the modern mission movement with emphasis on Southern Baptist home and foreign missions.

All classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on the nights designated with each course carrying one semester hour of credit if desired. Tuesday and Thursday classes will meet in classrooms on the ground floor of Provine Chapel at Mississippi College.

Course costs run from \$14 to \$23, depending on the course, and includes registration, tuition, student's study guide and textbooks.

Individuals desiring further information should call or write Dr. Farr at 203 W. Lakeview, Clinton, Ms., 39056, 924-6527.

MASSEY, France — The Department of Communications of the French Baptist Federation recently inaugurated its new sound recording studio here. The studio has already been in use for the production of the French Baptist program, "Au Rythme de la Vie" (In the Tempo of Life) and messages have been recorded for broadcasts in English, Russian and Chinese. Funds for the studio were provided by gifts in recent years to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Off The Record

Dear Doctor . . .

I burn my candle at both ends. Don't tell me to relax. Just write me a prescription. For longer burning wax.

—Dorothy McMillen

The minister was caught slightly exceeding the speed limit. None of his pleading with the effective. The ticket was being written. "Surely," the preacher pleaded, you wouldn't give a minister a ticket. I'm only a poor preacher!" "I know," replied the patrolman. "I have heard you!"

A 1933 class reunion has the same old faces but a lot of new teeth.

Middle age is when you know all the answers and nobody asks you the questions.

Remember reading in the Bible about the baby Moses being found in the bulrushes? That was one time the Egyptian banks showed a little prophet!

French Baptist Named Chief Protestant Chaplain

PARIS (BP) — Raymond Sedeyn of Fontenay-aux-Roses has been designated chief of Protestant chaplains for all French Armed Services. He is to take office next September upon the retirement of the present commanding chaplain.

Sedeyn is a graduate of Spurgeon's College in London and a former president of the Baptist Union of Belgium.



Busy Housewives Study Spanish

The Mexican custom of discarding dead bodies when the grave rent isn't paid is being explained to William Carey College secretary, Mary Prach, by Dr. Thomas Lott, chairman of the department of foreign languages. A special course in culture, language and life of Spanish-speaking people, taught especially for interested, but busy, housewives on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Registration took place January 30. Dr. Lott, who is teaching the course, earned the Ph.D. degree from the International University of Sanluis, Mexico. Further information about the course, contact either Dr. Lott or Dr. J. M. Ernest at William Carey College, Hattiesburg.